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Edmonton-based military officer accused of 10 offences, including sexual assault

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Daughters, sisters, friends



The remains of, from left, Amber Tuccaro, Corrie Ottenbreit, Delores Bower and Katie Ballantyne were all found within an eight-kilometre radius of one another. On Tuesday, The RCMP confirmed they identified Ottenbreit's remains, discovered near Leduc.

INVESTIGATION

RCMP warns that 'serial predator' may be responsible



Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

On Tuesday, RCMP identified the human remains found on a rural property near Leduc

in April as those of Corrie Renee Ottenbreit, a woman who went missing from Edmonton's 118 Avenue area more than 10 years ago.

Ottenbreit's remains are the fourth woman's remains to be found and identified

within an eight kilometre radius in Leduc since 2003, and RCMP say a "serial predator" could be responsible for the deaths.

The woman's remains were identified through DNA analysis of a hair sample she

gave to the RCMP's Project KARE street team in 2003. That street team takes DNA samples from women in high-risk situations in order to help identify them.

Ottenbreit's mother, Carmen, said in a statement that

the family is struggling with the news. "Our only hope now is that we will someday learn more about what led to her disappearance and death."

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'Greedy' men get jail time for ponzi

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Lawyers for Brost said they may appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ponzi victim Carole Knopp
JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS



David Gray, president of Gray Energy, sits on a power transformer. The energy economist is seeking people who feel cheated by TransAlta as part of a potential class-action suit. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Lawsuit building against TransAlta

BUSINESS

Ratepayer impact worth millions of dollars



Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton-based energy economist says the guilty parties at TransAlta should face more than fines for the alleged insider trading unveiled Monday in an Alberta Utilities Commission report.

"We're definitely going after

these guys," said David Gray, president of Gray Energy Economics.

Gray and his associates are organizing a class-action law suit on the basis that anybody paying market price for electricity was unduly harmed by TransAlta's market manipulation, which occurred in 2010 and 2011.

"Right now we have a situation where TransAlta will be fined, but there is no recompense to customers," he said. "We are seeking recompense for customers."

Gray explained commercial and industrial energy customers pay market price for energy and will have been "directly affected" by the way TransAlta



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David Gray

coordinated outages with their trading desk.

"The upside for TransAlta was really large... you go from power trading at two or three cents per kWh to a dollar... it pays off for them and the downside is it screws everybody else," he said, adding that would have had a "lot of zeroes behind it."

Gray expects TransAlta to be fined by the Alberta Utilities Commission, but says no

matter how large it will be "an order of magnitude less than the harm they did."

"They affected the market for everyone paying for electricity," he said. "My firm has the capability of determining for any customer what harm would have been caused."

Gray estimates TransAlta's illegal profits will have been "tens of millions of dollars," whereas the collateral damage to market users is more likely "in the hundreds of millions."

He's putting calls out to find industrial energy clients looking to recoup the inflated cost of doing business, and he's confident in the case he's making.

"We have them cold," he said.

TRANSALTA

Power move caught by AUC

Energy Economist David Gray helped explain how TransAlta's dirty deeds were done.

Near the end of 2010, the energy company began causing deliberate outages.

"The strategy (went through) upper management for TransAlta for approval, got approval, and it was to physically withhold output from a number of assets in order to drive the price up," he said.

"That's forbidden."

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) decision released Monday tells the same story.

TransAlta took six coal-based generation plants offline for several days, claiming it was for maintenance.

Electricity prices spiked as a result, and Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA), an energy sector watchdog, filed grievances with the AUC in 2011.

Gray said before that happened, the unnecessary outages were coordinated with the company's trading room.

"They were getting non-public information and trading on it," Gray said.

He explained that in Alberta's energy sector, it's not uncommon to price energy high to economically withhold and that this practice is permitted.

"What they did is physically withholding, dropping plants off the grid and in doing so greatly raising the price," he said.

Monday's AUC report found TransAlta's actions to be "deliberate," and "anti-competitive."

Gray said it's likely TransAlta will appeal the ruling.

"This was a more legal decision than most you'll see out of the utilities commission, they wrote it to be appeal proof," he said.

"I expect they'll appeal anyways. The second star of the commission's work is to find what the penalty should be."

"They can charge \$1 million per day plus whatever profits they determined were accrued."

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

LAW

Judge Russell Brown named to Supreme Court

An Edmonton judge has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Justice Russell Brown, a former barrister and law professor, will fill the seat of Justice Marshall Rothstein effective

Aug 31.

"His appointment is the result of broad consultations with prominent members of the legal community and we are confident he will be a strong addition to Canada's

highest court," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said, in a news release July 27.

Brown is a member of the bar in British Columbia and Alberta, and was appointed to the Alberta Court of Queen's

Bench in Feb. 2013. He was then appointed to the Alberta Court of Appeal in Edmonton one year later.

Brown was once an associate professor and associate dean of the University of

Alberta's Faculty of Law. He holds a bachelor and master of laws, and a doctorate of juridical science.

He lives in Edmonton with his wife and two children.

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RIDE-SHARING SERVICE

Uber's insurance deemed inadequate by Alberta officials

Drivers who work for Uber should verify their vehicles are insured for commercial use, the Insurance Bureau of Canada said Tuesday after the Alberta government concluded the ride-hailing service's insurance policies don't meet that province's requirements.

Some insurance policies only provide coverage for personal automobile use, which could lead to a rejected claim if the driver is using their vehicle to generate income, a spokesman for the Insurance Bureau of Canada said.

Steve Kee recommends Uber drivers — and those working for other similar services — call their insurance providers to determine whether they are adequately covered.

"The shared economy is really a new industry, and for insurance companies there are risks, there are exposures," said Kee. "There may be some gaps, and I think a quick call to your insurance company can answer some questions."

Questions arose after the Alberta government said Monday it has conducted a study of Uber's insurance policies and it believes that they do not meet the requirements of the province's Insurance Act.

"Drivers using Uber ride-sharing services may believe that Uber's supplemental insurance provides the necessary coverage," the office of the Superintendent of Insurance said in a statement. "This is currently not the case in Alberta."

That could leave riders at risk

if they are riding in a vehicle that doesn't have its own coverage, the agency said.

"The passenger is at risk of not having access to automobile insurance protection, including accident benefits or any compensation for injuries they may suffer in the event of a collision," the government agency said.

The office of the Superintendent of Insurance recommends that passengers using Uber ask the driver to provide proof of insurance coverage.

Uber Canada says every ride on the uberX platform is backed by \$5 million of commercial auto insurance, which covers both bodily injuries and property damage stemming from a crash.

Company spokeswoman Susie Heath said it believes its insurance policies are adequate.

"The bottom line is this: Every ride on Uber is insured," Heath said in an email. "We look forward to continuing our conversation with governments in Alberta to find long-term solutions to enhance public safety and offer more affordable transportation options."

The Alberta government says it has struck up a working group to develop regulations for ride-for-hire companies in Alberta, in order to keep consumers safe.

"The office of the Superintendent of Insurance will continue to work with Uber on finding ways for the ride sharing service to safely and legally operate in this province under current insurance legislation," the agency said.

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Ride-sharing is an innovative business and we are working with regulators and insurers in Alberta to discuss how auto insurance models account for new services such as Uber. Spokeswoman Susie Heath



Delores Sorensen and her husband, Carl, in their home in Edmonton. The couple have volunteered for the Heritage Festival nearly every one of its 40 years. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Final act: Local duo reaches end of era

HERITAGE

Couple has volunteered at festival for almost 40 years

Michelle Falk
For Metro | Edmonton

Ever since the first Heritage Festival, which opens for its 40th year this weekend in Hawrelack Park, Delores Sorensen has been there as a volunteer.

"It's very special for people

like myself that participated from day one — it has become part of me," said 78-year-old Sorensen.

In 1976, the festival's second year, her husband Carl, who's now 86, joined her. And they've been there volunteering ever since.

But as the Heritage Festival draws near for 2015, the super-volunteer couple have decided that this will be their final year volunteering. Dolores said they're a little too old for the commitment now.

She said she feels fortunate to have worked with the original group who built the festival into what it is today.



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In the early days, she said, the festival was "very rustic."

Indeed, she said her daughters danced performance at an early festival when they were young but had to dance on a transport trailer because there wasn't a pavilion built back then.

Their first years at the festi-

val were spent greeting newcomers to the city, a role that no longer exists. It was something they were well equipped to understand the importance of as immigrants themselves. Delores moved to Edmonton from Mexico City in 1958 after marrying Carl, who's originally from Denmark.

"It's been a learning experience, learning about other people and languages. You gain so much. And you feel a little bit more aware of many beautiful countries," Dolores said.

Delores says she's emotional about retiring as a volunteer, but that it's time for someone else to have the opportunity.

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'Disturbing' charges for decorated leader

CANADIAN FORCES

Commander stands accused of sexual abuse involving cadet

The decorated commanding officer of a renowned Canadian Forces battalion in Edmonton has been charged with 10 offences, including sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual interference and invitation to sexual touching.

Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker, 40, commander of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry's third battalion, based at CFB Edmonton, was charged Tuesday by military police over a series of offences alleged to have occurred in the city between 1998 and 2007 while Stalker was a mentor with the Army Cadet Corps.

"These are serious and significant charges," said Lt.-Col. Francis Bolduc, commanding officer of the Canadian Forces National

Investigation Service.

"Regardless of a member's rank and role in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service works diligently and independently ... to protect individuals from those who violate the law."

Capt. Joanna Labonte, a military police spokeswoman, said a man — a former cadet — came forward in April to file a complaint. A spokeswoman for Defence Minister Jason Kenney, in an emailed statement, called the allegations "very disturbing."

Stalker served in Afghanistan in 2006 and again from June 2010 until October 2011, according to his now-removed LinkedIn profile. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 2007 and 2012 for his efforts.

He was one of the officers in charge earlier this month when the military was called to help fight wildfires in Saskatchewan.

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Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker, left, with Gov.-Gen. David Johnston in Ottawa in 2012. COURTESY MCPL DANY VEILLETTE

FOOD

Baker looks to grow doughnut business



Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

A woman with a tiny kitchen and a big sweet tooth is hoping a Kickstarter campaign will help her launch an Edmonton storefront.

Mandy Woytkiw started vegan-only Frickin' Delights Donuts in July 2013 after tasting her first vegan doughnut in Seattle.

She said she was frickin' hooked.

"I stood there and said, 'I can do this,'" Woytkiw said. "Who doesn't love a doughnut?"

Woytkiw started the business with a mixer and a fryer in her kitchen in Devon. Over the past two years, she's been baking about 100 dozen doughnuts per week on her own. She uses organic ingredients and no animal byproducts to create concoctions like the popular apple walnut salted caramel and the "Iveson" — a vanilla doughnut with lemon glaze, strudel bits and blueberry drizzle, made as an ode to Edmonton's mayor.

But demand has far exceeded her production capability. She's planning to move the business into a space on Whyte Avenue. She launched a Kickstarter campaign on July 25, hoping to crowd fund the \$55,000 needed to move into the space.

"We realized very quickly last summer when we started really gaining popularity and recognition in Edmonton that my kitchen just wasn't going to do," she said. "Doughnuts are not meant to be made in your home."

Woytkiw said she will continue to produce small batches in the new space but will be able to produce up to 250 dozen doughnuts per week.

So far, the Kickstarter campaign has raised just under \$1,000, with 33 days to go.

Woytkiw said she considered venture capital investment but didn't want to go into debt for her business — and wanted the public to be involved in its success.

"It is a risky business to go into. I'm making vegan doughnuts in the heart of Alberta," she said. "But the response has been amazing."



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CRIME

RCMP identify human remains found near Leduc in April



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Police have identified the remains of a woman left within an eight-kilometre radius of where the remains of three other women have been found in a rural area near Leduc.

RCMP Insp. Stacey Talbot's mission was grim Tuesday morning as she announced some of the remains found by a landowner on April 19 have been identified as those of 27-year-old Corrie Renee Ottenbreit, an Edmonton woman who went missing more than 10 years ago.

The rest of the remains were identified in April as those of Delores Brower, who was last seen on May 15, 2004.

A sex-trade worker, Ottenbreit went missing on May 9, 2004, just one week before Brower.

Police were able to confirm Ottenbreit's identity through a hair sample she provided in 2003 to the Project KARE street team, an RCMP initiative established in 2003 that works with vulnerable people in Alberta to minimize their risk of harm.

Ottenbreit's death is considered a homicide.

"This is a very difficult time for the Ottenbreit family and

“Now we need the public's help in finding out what happened.”

Insp. Stacey Talbot

our thoughts are with them today,” Talbot said Tuesday. “Sadly, they now know where Corrie is and now we need the public's help in finding out what happened to her.”

Human remains belonging to two other women living high-risk lifestyles before their deaths have been found in the area in recent years.

Katie Sylvia Ballantyne went missing on April 28, 2003. Her remains were found on July 2, 2003.

Amber Tuccaro went missing on Aug. 18, 2010. Her remains were found on Sept. 1, 2012.

Talbot said police continue to investigate the deaths, and they are asking for the public's help with any information related to the missing women.

No suspects have been named.

“With the close proximity of these deaths, it is a possibility ... that it could be one person committing these offences on a number of individuals,” she said. “We may be dealing with a serial predator.”

Police are urging anyone with information about Ottenbreit's disappearance or death to contact them. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers.



Katie Sylvia Ballantyne RCMP/CONTRIBUTED



Delores Brower RCMP/CONTRIBUTED



Amber Tuccaro RCMP/CONTRIBUTED



Corrie Ottenbreit RCMP/CONTRIBUTED

Family struggles with news

Among those discovering the identity of remains found near Leduc in April this week was Corrie Ottenbreit's family.

In a statement released Tuesday, Ottenbreit's mother, Carmen, said the family continues to mourn the loss of a daughter, partner, sister and friend.

“Today, we struggle with the sad news that we will never see her again. Nothing can ever change that or the fond memories we have of our happy times together,” Carmen said.

“Our only hope now is that we will someday learn more about what lead (sic) to her disappearance and death.”

Carmen added that she hoped when people write about her daughter's life, that they will “honour her and what she meant to us.”

She asked anyone with information to come forward to police.

ANDREA ROSS/METRO

TIMELINE: 11 YEARS OF SEARCHING

Dec. 29, 2003: Corrie Ottenbreit, a sex-trade worker, meets with Project KARE and provides a hair sample.

April 21, 2004: Ottenbreit is last seen near 118 Avenue and 84 Street.

July 15, 2004: Project KARE and another government agency begin searching for Ottenbreit.

January 2005: Police ask for the public's help in their search for Ottenbreit.

April 28, 2015: RCMP announce remains found near Leduc are those of Delores Brower. RCMP confirm Brower's remains were found within an eight-kilometre radius of the remains of Katie Sylvia Ballantyne

and Amber Tuccaro.

July 28, 2015: Police confirm the remains found after they searched the area near Brower's body are those of Ottenbreit.

SOURCE: RCMP



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The first Rogers Place reveal

It's on time and on budget. But while many in Edmonton have watched from the sidelines as a new arena to house the Oilers goes up, few have seen what it's like from the inside. We got a sneak peek.



LEFT: During a media briefing on the 28th floor of Epcor Tower before a tour of the Rogers Place construction site, city officials told media that the roof of Rogers Place, visible in sections, will be ready this fall. **RIGHT:** Ice District Development seen from the top floor of Epcor Tower in Edmonton. PHOTOS BY BRAEDEN JONES



Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

Construction at Rogers Place is both on pace and on budget, with the structure now more than halfway complete.

Mike Staines, the PCL pro-

ject director overseeing the work, said crews are currently installing the final roof trusses and will be "wrapping the exterior frame" in September.

Edmontonians will have noticed the building taking shape, but on Tuesday media were given the first glimpse inside.

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spokesman Tim Shipton said the tour would help illustrate the "scale and scope of this building."

He wasn't kidding.

The 819,200-square-foot arena complex feels expansive. There are guts left to be added over the next 14 months, but the skeleton of hockey's newest col-

iseum is slowly growing fleshier.

Some of the bleachers are being installed as sections of the roof are completed overhead, stairways are being finished and 500 workers are on site daily, hustling various parts of the project along.

So far, 24,000 cubic metres of concrete have been poured

and 9,000 tonnes of structural steel have been used.

The floor looks close from the top tier of the lower bowl, but ice level will be even closer. The base of the construction site is actually the underground parkade, and the building's floor will be installed after cranes are removed.

Bob Black, Katz Group executive vice-president, said he gets excited every time he enters Rogers Place, but standing on the bleachers and looking down reinforces for him something he also noted at the Rogers Place Presentation Centre last week.

"There won't be a bad seat in the house," he said.



LEFT: The ground level pictured is actually part of the underground parking beneath Rogers Place. **RIGHT:** PCL Construction workers were busy installing the roof on Rogers Arena on Tuesday.



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Feds mum on possible hack

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Web collective Anonymous claims responsibility

The federal government is saying little about an apparent breach involving classified information — one that could snowball into a serious compromise of closely guarded secrets.

Digital hacking collective Anonymous made good late Monday on a threat to release what it says is the first of many sensitive documents.

It posted online what appeared to be a 2014 Treasury Board memo about funding of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's overseas communications capabilities. But as of Tuesday morning, the document could not be accessed through the original link.

It was disabled by Lunaweb Ltd., which runs upload site DocDroid, "because it seems to be leaked" and DocDroid is "simply not the right place," said Lunaweb's Josias Montag.



A sign for the Government of Canada's Communications Security Establishment is seen outside its headquarters in the east end of Ottawa on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Such documents should be published on WikiLeaks; they do have the resources and experts for such things."

The Canadian Press could not confirm the document's authenticity and Jeremy Laurin, a spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, would

“We will be releasing stunning secrets at irregular intervals.”

Hacker group Anonymous

not comment.

Laurin said Tuesday that officials "continue to monitor this situation closely."

One senior official said it was still unclear Tuesday as to whether the document, which appears to be genuine, was indeed pilfered by hackers, or sim-

ply leaked.

"There are obviously concerns about the document being released, except there's no confirmation it has been obtained through a hacking," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly.

Anonymous has carried out cyberattacks against governments, corporations and others in the name of free speech, Internet liberties and anti-capitalist causes.

In a video statement discussing the document, Anonymous denounced the July 16 fatal shooting of a supporter in Dawson Creek, B.C., during a confrontation with the RCMP.

Officers challenged and subsequently fired on the man, who was wearing a Guy Fawkes mask — an Anonymous trademark — outside a public hearing for a dam project to be built by BC Hydro. A knife was recovered from the scene.

The man has been identified as 48-year-old James McIntyre. B.C.'s police watchdog, the Independent Investigations Office, is probing the death.

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CALGARY

2 jailed in massive fraud

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"They were motivated in my mind by greed with no regard to the effect on the many, many investors they defrauded," he added.

"The loss of these large sums of money has had a devastating impact on the victims."

The court said more than 2,400 investors from around the world lost up to \$200 million. Police have estimated the figure could be as high as \$400 million. Many people lost their life savings.

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CANADIAN FORCES

Cadets were mistreated, says military ombudsman

Gerry Fostaty was five steps away from the entry to the barracks at CFB Valcartier on July 30, 1974, when a grenade exploded inside, triggering widespread carnage that would leave a lasting impact on dozens of people.

The 18-year-old platoon sergeant was shielded from the

blast by his commander who was standing in the door frame, but more than 130 boys sitting cross-legged on the floor were not as lucky. "It was an absolutely horrific scene," Fostaty said in an interview from Toronto on Tuesday. "The room was full of smoke, people lying on top

of each other. There were boys covered in blood, screaming. The majority of people in the room were covered in blood and flesh; they were covered in their friends. It became (my) job to get those boys out of that room."

The tragedy, in which six cadets died and 65 other people

were injured, resurfaced Tuesday when the Canadian Forces' ombudsman released a blistering report into the treatment of those who survived the blast.

Gary Walbourne said cadets who suffered psychological and physical trauma from that day at the Quebec City-area base were

not given the long-term care that regular Forces members received. He concluded it was "unfair" that cadets — who did not hold status in the Forces — were unable to receive care similar to what was offered to full-fledged military members who were also injured in the tragedy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FEDERAL ELECTIONS

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It's not just political parties that will be spending money hand over fist if Stephen Harper fires the starting gun for the Oct. 19 federal election weeks earlier than necessary.

Taxpayers will be shelling out big bucks, too — millions in extra administrative costs and tens of millions more in rebates to parties and candidates for their inflated election expenses.

Speculation is rampant that Harper is poised to officially kick off the election campaign — known as the writ period — as early as this weekend.

That would make for an 11-week campaign, the longest federal campaign since 1926 and more than twice the five weeks typically allotted for campaigns in recent times.

Elections Canada estimates that a campaign this fall of



Speculation is high that Prime Minister Stephen Harper is poised to officially kick off the election campaign as early as this weekend. CANADIAN PRESS FILE

37 days — the minimum required by law — would cost roughly \$375 million to administer.

The agency was not able to estimate how much more

a longer campaign would cost, but spokeswoman Diane Benson acknowledged there would indeed be some additional expenses.

For instance, she said Elec-

tions Canada will have to pay for longer office leases for returning officers in each of the country's 338 ridings; telephones, equipment and furniture rentals for those offices;

additional hours for staff; and Elections Canada staff who handle public inquiries.

A longer campaign puts the squeeze on taxpayers in other ways, too, since they subsidize the donations that fuel campaigns and then subsidize parties and their candidates again for spending that money during a campaign.

Each party running a full slate of candidates is entitled to spend a maximum of about \$25 million for a five-week campaign; each candidate an average of about \$100,000.

But, under the recently passed Fair Elections Act, those spending limits will increase by 1/37 for each day a campaign exceeds 37 days. That's an extra \$675,000 per day for each party's national campaign, an additional \$2,700 per day for their candidates.

A campaign that is double the minimum length would effectively double the spending limits and, theoretically, double the amount of money parties and candidates stand to be reimbursed — by taxpayers — when it's all over.

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Tax credits for political donations worth millions

Most of the money parties and candidates will be throwing around during the campaign comes from donations, which are worth a generous tax credit of 75 per cent on the first \$400, 50 per cent on the next \$350 and 33.3 per cent on the next \$500.

The major parties are promising to spend the maximum allowed, or very close to it. However, few candidates will likely be able to afford to take full advantage of increased spending limits, making it hard to estimate how much their rebates could go up.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation estimates those tax credits are worth somewhere between \$16 million and \$36 million per year in foregone revenue.

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IN BRIEF

Ontario sisters seek apology from police officer

Three sisters in Ontario are demanding an apology from a police officer who they said stopped the women as they were riding their bicycles topless and told them to cover up.

Alysha Brilla, a Juno-nominated musician and women's rights advocate, said the incident happened last Friday when she and her two sisters — Tameera and Nadia Mohamed — were biking late in the evening down a quiet street in Kitchener.

The 26-year-old said she pointed out that the officer was wrong about the law and then started filming the interaction on her cellphone. The officer backtracked by saying he wanted only to check if the women had proper bells and lights on their bicycles, Brilla said.

The women are organizing a rally, called Bare With Us, which they hope will help educate the public on the women's right to be topless, but also broader issues such as women's pay inequity and safety. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CANADA CHILD TAX BENEFIT

Revenue agency offices flooded with calls

The Canada Revenue Agency says it fielded more than a million phone calls on the day that increased child benefits took effect.

An agency spokesman says many callers had to be directed to check their mailboxes when they called to ask about their money, which in some cases amounted to more than \$500.

Philippe Brideau says the majority of callers wanted to know how they were going to be paid — especially if they re-

ceived other benefits through direct deposit.

The July 20 payouts for the expanded universal child care benefit increased the monthly payments to \$160 from \$100 for every child under age six.

They also added a new \$60 monthly payment for children six to 17.

The July payout included benefits retroactive to Jan. 1.

In the month leading up to the payment, 9,677 callers phoned the government to ask about benefits. Many wanted

to know why they hadn't received their money.

Marie-France Faucher, a spokeswoman for Employment and Social Development Canada, said there were also questions about how much of the benefit would be taxed back.

The new payments are taxable on the lower income earner in the household at a federal rate of about 11.5 per cent.

The federal government expects to recoup about \$565 million of the benefit payments in taxes, with the prov-

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The number of callers who phoned Canada Revenue Agency to ask about child benefits in the month leading up to payment.
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inces expected to take in about half that through their own taxes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cecil, the much-loved Zimbabwean lion, was killed by American tourist Walter Palmer on a hunt using a bow and arrow, according to the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force charity. Palmer claims he was misled by professional guides into believing the hunt was legal. AFP PHOTO

Hunter: 'No idea' lion was killed illegally

ZIMBABWE

Dentist blames local guides for death of protected cat

An avid Minnesota hunter accused of illegally killing a protected lion in Zimbabwe said Tuesday that he thought everything about his trip was legal and wasn't aware of the animal's status "until the end of the hunt."

Walter Palmer, who has a felony record in the U.S. related to shooting a black bear in Wisconsin, released his statement through a public relations firm after being identified by officials as the American involved in the hunt. Authorities in Zimbabwe say Palmer is being sought on poaching charges, but Palmer said he hasn't heard from U.S. or Zimbabwean authorities.

The death of Cecil, a well-known and protected lion, outraged animal conservationists and others.

"I had no idea that the lion I took was a known, local favourite, was collared and part of a study until the end of the hunt. I relied on the expertise of my local professional guides to ensure a legal hunt," said

Palmer, a dentist who lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Eden Prairie.

Palmer's whereabouts were unknown Tuesday. No one answered the door at his home, and a woman who came out of his dental office in nearby Bloomington said he wasn't there or taking patients Tuesday. Phone calls to listed home numbers went unanswered.

Local authorities allege the lion was lured from a protected area and killed in early July. Zimbabwean conservationists said the American allegedly paid \$50,000 for the trip.

According to U.S. court records, Palmer pleaded guilty in 2008 to making false statements to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about a black bear he fatally shot in western Wisconsin.

Palmer also has several hunts on record with the Pope and Young Club, where archers register big game taken in North America for posterity, according to the club's director of records, Glenn Hisey. Hisey said he didn't have immediate access to records showing the types and number of animals killed by Palmer during hunts, but noted that any club records involve legal hunts "taken under our rules of fair chase."

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Joyce Mitchell raises her hand during a court appearance on Tuesday. She faces a sentence of up to seven years in prison under terms of a plea deal. ROB FOUNTAIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woman guilty of helping cons

NEW YORK

Prison worker pleads to charges she aided escape

A prison worker who was “in over her head” with two inmates convicted of murder tearfully pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges of aiding them by smuggling hacksaw blades and other tools to the pair, who later broke out in a brazen, elaborate escape that captured the world’s attention for three weeks.

Joyce Mitchell, an instructor in the tailor shop at the Clinton Correctional Facility in upstate New York, wore shackles and prison stripes as she entered the pleas in a barely audible voice.

Afterward, her lawyer, Stephen Johnston, said she realizes she made a “horrible mis-

take” by getting involved with Richard Matt and David Sweat, who escaped from the maximum-security prison on June 6.

“She’s paying the price now,” Johnston told reporters outside court. “I think that to a certain extent, Matt got her to feeling good about herself, better than she had for a period of time, and she was swept off her feet a bit.... And then when she realized who she was dealing with, everything changed.”

Matt was shot and killed by searchers June 26, about 50 kilometres west of the prison. Sweat was captured near the Canadian border two days later and sent to another prison.

Mitchell, 51, faces a sentence of 2-1/3 to seven years in prison under terms of a plea deal with prosecutors. Sentencing is set for Sept. 28. Johnston said his client will not be able to post the bail of \$100,000 cash or \$200,000 bond.

District Attorney Andrew

“She got in over her head into something that she never should have started.”

Stephen Johnston, lawyer

Wylie said separate cases against Sweat and a Gene Palmer, a guard who investigators accuse of unwittingly helping the two inmates, are expected to go before a grand jury next month.

Prosecutors say Mitchell provided hacksaw blades, chisels, a punch tool and a screwdriver to Matt on May 1. Authorities say she became close with the pair and agreed to be their getaway driver. But she backed out at the last moment, forcing the two to flee on foot after they emerged from a manhole near the prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Australian police find lead in missing girl case

British police investigating the 2007 disappearance of Madeleine McCann say they have been in touch with Australian authorities about the discovery of the body of a young girl in a suitcase there.

Australian officials say there is no evidence the badly decomposed remains of a young girl are related to the McCann case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

25 people killed in Cairo furniture factory fire

A fire that erupted at a furniture factory east of Cairo on Tuesday killed 25 people and injured 22, Egypt’s Health Ministry said.

According to a security official, a preliminary investigation indicated that the blaze started when a gas cylinder exploded as it was transported in an elevator. Egyptian state-run media said the factory in the city of al-Obour had not obtained a government safety certification. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOMEN’S PROGRAMS

Chelsea Clinton, investors visit Haiti to oversee projects

Chelsea Clinton on Tuesday encouraged women to educate themselves and learn how to be more independent during a trip to Haiti to oversee projects financed by the Clinton Foundation.

Clinton met with local entrepreneurs as she travelled to busi-

nesses in the capital of Port-au-Prince with a group of investors and philanthropists as part of the two-day trip. She also hosted a meeting with foundation President Donna Shalala to talk about women’s roles in the Haitian workforce and their access to markets.

“We need programs ... to help close the gap so that girls and young women who haven’t had the chance to get educated don’t live with the burden of illiteracy their whole lives,” said Clinton, who is the foundation’s vice-chairwoman.

Former U.S. president Bill

Clinton founded the global charity after leaving the White House. The foundation’s finances have received intense scrutiny as Hillary Rodham Clinton seeks the White House.

Chelsea Clinton’s visit coincided with a peaceful march in front of the U.S. Embassy in

Port-au-Prince, more than 100 people protested the U.S. invasion and occupation of Haiti from 1915 to 1934. The period was marked in part by abuses including forced labour and racial segregation implemented by a U.S.-controlled Haitian military.

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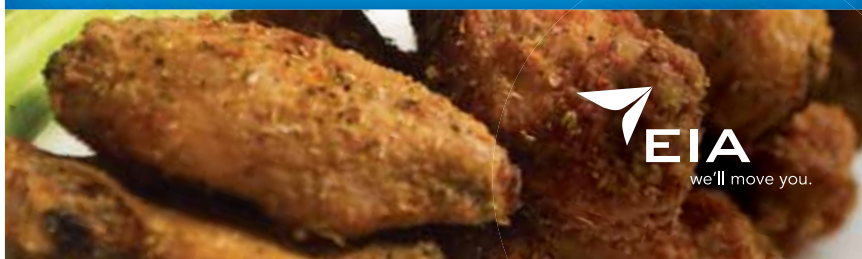
The Clinton Foundation says it has helped raise more than \$30 million for Haiti since a devastating 2010 earthquake

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Bill Kelso, director of archaeology at Jamestown Discover, poses with bone fragments at Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bones ID'd as 4 leaders

JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA

Burial sites at church where Pocahontas married Rolfe

Archeologists have uncovered human remains of four of the earliest leaders of the English colony that would become America, buried for more than 400 years near the altar of what was America's first Protestant church in Jamestown, Virginia.

The four burial sites were uncovered in the floor of what's left of Jamestown's historic Anglican church from 1608, a team of scientists and historians announced Tuesday. The site is the same church where Pocahontas famously married Englishman John Rolfe, leading to peace between the Powhatan Indians and colonists at the first permanent English settlement in America.

Beyond the human remains, archeologists also found artifacts buried with the colonial leaders — including a mysterious Catholic container for holy relics found in the Protestant

church.

The Jamestown Rediscovery archeology team revealed its discovery at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. The museum is helping to study and identify those buried in the church. The burials were first uncovered in November 2013, but the scientific team wanted to trace and identify its findings with some certainty before announcing the discovery.

Archeologists have been studying the site since 1994, when the original James Fort — long thought to be lost and submerged in the James River — was rediscovered.

The team identified the remains of the Rev. Robert Hunt, Jamestown's first Anglican minister who was known as a peacemaker between rival colonial leaders; Capt. Gabriel Archer, a nemesis of one-time colony leader John Smith; Sir Ferdinando Wainman, likely the first knight buried in America; and Capt. William West, who died in a fight with the Powhatan Indians. The three other men likely died after brief illnesses. They were buried between 1608 and 1610.

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IN BRIEF

Doc charged for wrongly declaring woman dead

Prosecutors in Germany have charged a 53-year-old doctor with negligent bodily harm for declaring a seriously ill 92-year-old woman dead in March, only for her to awaken the same

evening in a refrigerated room at a funeral home. A worker at the funeral home heard a scream from the refrigeration room and discovered the woman alive. The woman died two days later from heart disease.

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Experts sound alert over 'killer robots'

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Hawking and Wozniak lead charge to stop new arms race

Scientists and tech experts — including professor Stephen Hawking and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak — warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence.

In an open letter with hundreds of signatories, the experts argued that if any major military power pushes ahead with development of autonomous weapons, "a global arms race is virtually inevitable, and the endpoint of this technological trajectory is obvious: autonomous weapons will become the Kalashnikovs of tomorrow."

Some people have argued in favour of robots on the battlefield, saying their use could save lives. Such weapons are still years away. But the scientists warned that, unlike nuclear weapons, once they are developed they will require no costly or hard-to-obtain raw materials — making it possible to mass-produce them.

"It will only be a matter of time until they appear on



Scientists and tech experts, including Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

“Autonomous weapons will become the Kalashnikovs of tomorrow.”

Open letter signed by scientists and tech experts

the black market and in the hands of terrorists, dictators wishing to better control their populace, warlords wishing to perpetrate ethnic cleansing, etc.," the letter said.

The signatories included leading figures globally in academia and business studying artificial intelligence — the idea that computer systems could replicate tasks normally re-

quiring human intelligence, such as language translation or visual perception.

They were joined by philosophers, historians, sociologists and geneticists. Those signing the letter included Elon Musk, Tesla Motors CEO; Demis Hassabis, who founded Google DeepMind; and Noam Chomsky, an emeritus professor at MIT. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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COMPUTING

Microsoft giving Windows 10 for free

Microsoft's new Windows 10 operating system debuts Wednesday, as the longtime leader in PC software hopes that giving the upgrade away for free will help it carve out a new role in a world where people increasingly rely on smartphones, tablets and information stored online.

The company, which wants to get the new software on as many devices as possible, is counting on tens or even

hundreds of millions of people to download its latest release in the coming months. Many people will also get Windows 10 as part of new PCs.

Windows 10 is coming to PCs and tablets first, but it's also designed to run phones, game consoles and even holographic headsets. It has new features, a streamlined Web browser called Edge and a desktop version of Cortana, the online assistant that is Micro-

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Windows 10 lets users log in with their face, iris or thumbprint, instead of remembering passwords, though this works only with the right hardware.

soft's answer to Google Now and Apple's Siri.

Still, the company insists Windows 10 will seem familiar to users of Windows 7, the six-year-old operating system still running on most PCs. Microsoft and PC makers want to erase the memory of the last big update, 2012's Windows 8, which alienated many with its unwieldy design. Microsoft skipped the name Windows 9, as if to distance itself further from the last release.

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the big question

Is the 'gig economy' a myth?

Much has been made of the rise of freelance and contract work that's seen many scraping together a living from multiple, insecure sources. But recent research suggests the 'Uber economy' may not be all it's cracked up to be. In fact, fewer Americans are self-employed or hold multiple jobs than just 10 years ago. People who would be working multiple jobs are taking advantage of tech-sector opportunities. But if companies — especially low-overhead, web-based ones like Etsy and Airbnb — prove piecemeal work is profitable, other businesses could imitate them. And then a trend that has been mostly confined to discussion boards and think-pieces could make an appearance in real life.

SOURCE: SLATE

How not to think about a very scary climate study



Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Communication between the scientific and non-scientific worlds often resembles two people shouting over a vast river, each straining to hear the other's garbled shouts.

On Thursday, regular people got a particularly inscrutable dispatch from those way over on the scientific side: A long and complex paper, from the climate scientist and NASA veteran James Hansen, that makes some pretty extreme projections about the rise in global sea levels.

Hansen and his co-authors paint the future as significantly scarier even than the International Panel on Climate change's worst-case scenario, which estimates global sea-level rise at just shy of a metre by the year 2100 if we continue emitting as we have been. Hansen suggests not only that a one-metre rise

could happen much earlier but that, if we continue on our current fuel-burning path through 2100, sea levels will rise by between five and nine metres, heights he thinks weren't seen since about 115,000 to 130,000 years ago, when Neanderthals roamed Europe and our Homo sapiens ancestors were still knocking rocks together in Africa.

If the Hansen-report scenario comes to pass, New York City and Bangladesh would be swallowed up.

Pondering all this on the layman's riverbank, I was faced with reasons to doubt the paper. First of all, it's terrifying. Secondly, I was suspicious that something important had been lost in transmission. It was time to run some telephone cable under the river, and find out how to think about Hansen's study as a scientist would.

So I called Canadian climate experts and ran Hansen's findings by them. That's when I found a reason for caution:

The paper was published in an open-access journal anyone can give feedback to. It hasn't been through the process of expert peer review yet. Open review may seem like a scientific free-for-all, says Karen Kohfeld, a Canada Research Chair in climate, but done right, it can actually improve transparency and get more eyes on the work.

This is what Carleton University scientist John Stone told me when I asked him why earlier estimates might have been less apocalyptic than Hansen's: "Our understanding of glacier (and) ice-sheet physics has evolved rapidly and produced several surprises ... these advances, unfortunately, imply a sea-level rise that is much faster than previously estimated."

Skeptics like to interpret the fact that experts disagree about precisely the scale and timing of the earth's warming to mean we can't be sure it's warming at all.

But if you think that way,

you're not thinking like a scientist. Climate systems are extremely complex, and we can only talk about the future in terms of risk, says Gordon McBean, chair of the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences.

"What Hansen is talking about is a possibility," he told me — but it's one of many.

Such vagueness is enough to make a person want to give up and say it's too late — that there's no point trying to reduce emissions. We'll just have to adapt. But that's like saying you've had so many sunburns, there's no point trying to stop skin cancer and you'll take chemotherapy.

The way we're going, we'd be lucky to get off with a one-metre sea level rise. Even then, in Kohfeld's words, "We're going to see a world we've not experienced before."

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We police voices of all those we deem to be improper in society

It's my great pleasure today to disagree with both Naomi Wolf and her critics.

This whole vocal-fry thing is not about holding women down.

Or rather, it's about so much more.

Last week Wolf penned a misguided address to young women in North America and Britain: To be successful, she wrote, we must change our voices.

No more uptalk (adding a question-mark sound to a statement). No more "like." No more "breathiness" or run-on sentences. And no more vocal fry (the staccato distortion that sounds like an idling motor).

That last one has had a popular year. This American Life did a show on it, prompted by piles of hate-mail from listeners who can't stand to hear women reporters.

Wolf argued in the Guardian, rather incoherently, that women should not be judged by how they sound, but since they are — and since it may be ruining their careers (a modern woman's most sacred possession) — women should try to sound better.

She even argued that young women put on wispy voices out of insecurity, and if they only use their "own voices," then "huge, good changes follow."

Asking women to change is very un-feminist thinking from

a popular feminist, Wolf's critics have pointed out.

I agree. Except they, too, are missing the point.

The policing of voices isn't a feminist issue. It's a general, equal-opportunity tool of oppression.

It's done to all sections of society deemed improper, either by way of gender, class or race.

In the U.K. — a linguistic buffet — class and the posh, "proper" English accent has long dictated the BBC's sound. It's more diverse these days, but just last year, a viewer deemed one BBC reporter's northern English accent a "terrible affliction."

In America, it's a matter of race. Writing for NPR earlier this year, Chenjerai Kumanyika discussed making his voice sound less black for radio.

There is an accepted way to speak with authority. It involves a relatively low register, no immigrant accent and no slang. It sounds very male, very white and very upper class. All must rise to it, or be silent.

I'm not above its allure. I've secretly criticized women's voices and wondered why some speak so softly.

But sexism, racism and classism are no excuse for tuning out others. Maybe once our media sounds as diverse as our streets, we'll stop thinking that authority sounds like a white man.

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UnREAL

Summer television must-sees

BEAT THE HEAT

Take a break from the sun and discover these shows

Brian Gasperek
For Metro

If you're ignoring summer TV because you think it's just a boring desert wasteland full of old reruns and repetitive reality shows, we're sorry to break it to you, but you're



totally missing out!

In addition to the return of some TV favorites, the summer of 2015 has produced a handful of brand spankin' new shows that are actually worth checking out ... you know, when you need a break from those patio

drinks in the sun.

Here's a look at the five best new TV shows that you should be watching this summer. Trust us, they will happily tide you over until the fall.

Sense8

There's a good chance you've already heard the buzz, but if you haven't actually watched the Wachowski siblings' Netflix series Sense8 yet, start now.

The show is captivatingly weird. It follows the story of eight strangers that are linked together as one self, tracing the events of a tragic death. They share the same knowledge, memories, and abilities. It's far out and addictive. And the best part is that the entire first season is available to binge watch right now. You won't regret it.

Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp

Netflix is about to release the entire series of Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp and it's pretty damn hilarious.

The series is the prequel to

the cult comedy film Wet Hot American Summer. It features an all-star cast of Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler, Bradley Cooper, Elizabeth Banks, Janeane Garofalo and Molly Shannon all reprising their film roles, plus some sweet cameos that you can't miss.

If you're aching for light, goofy comedy, get your stream on.

Mr. Robot

Mr. Robot is about a young out-cast cyber-security engineer named Elliot who is actually a vigilante hacker by night.

He uses his hacking skills to illegally bring society's scumbags (pedophiles, cheaters and sleazy executives) to justice.

He gets too deep into a murky conspiracy plan with a mysterious social-anarchist leader named Mr. Robot (Christian Slater) who wants to bring down the corporation that Elliot works for with his followers.

It's kind of like a cyberpunk, hacker version of Dexter.

You'll like it.

Humans

If you're looking for a solid dose of new science fiction this summer, the Brit series Humans is a must see. The show explores the societal relationship between human beings and their uncannily human-like helper androids called synths (the latest must-have technology for busy families.)

The show focuses on the emotional consequences of creating human-like artificial intelligence that may or may not actually have feelings. Classic science fiction nuts will love it.

UnREAL

Ridiculous title spelling aside, UnREAL is a must-see.

The dark comedy, which premiered last month, features Shiri Appleby as an unstable and morally conflicted producer working on a salacious, soul-sucking Bachelor-esque reality show.

It's a terrific spoof on how twisted the creation of that kind of insufferable reality TV must really be.

Q&A The latest in a long line of Rusty Griswolds

With Vacation, Ed Helms becomes the fifth actor to play Rusty Griswold, the son of Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) from the National Lampoon film series. Luckily for Helms, having a different actor in the role for every movie meant he could do whatever he wanted.

I went into this wondering which version of Rusty you were supposed to be playing ... It's all of them! And I think the writers just made such a

great joke to get that across. But all of them and none of them, in a weird way. I really looked at this as a blank slate. I loved all those Rusty performances and I'm proud to be next in a long line of Rustys, but I didn't feel beholden to any previous performances — especially with the age gap.

So how did you envision this guy? I see Rusty as a kind of aspirational character for me. He is relentlessly hopeful and

optimistic, incredibly kind-hearted and he wants the best for his family. But what makes Rusty complex and hopefully more funny is that he also is repressed and in denial about some things.

He's always trying to make the best of a terrible situation. Exactly. When he rents the Tartan Prancer, that would bum out anybody. But Rusty spins it in his own mind and convinces himself that it's

awesome. He's making the best of things to a psychotic degree.

So, it turns out Chris Hemsworth has amazing comic chops as well. Does that just make you angry at the universe? Absolutely. Not fair, right? I mean, I've been working my whole life to have some comedy chops, and here comes this guy who just effortlessly crushes it.

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Ed Helms play the grown-up version of Rusty Griswold in Vacation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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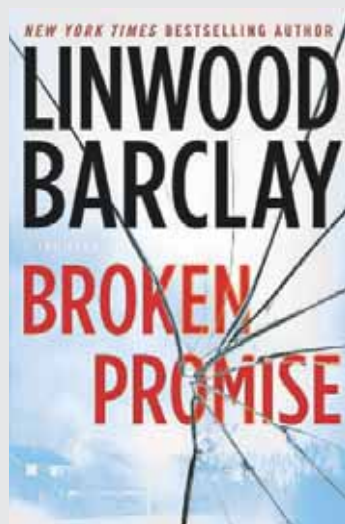
Something dark has infected Promise Falls

Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this month with *Broken Promise* (Doubleday, July 28, \$22.95) the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

After the discovery of a bizarre squirrel massacre by the town's former mayor in yesterday's excerpt, we return to David who visits his cousin Marla and is startled to find her caring for a baby just 10 months after her miscarriage.

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Maybe this was just the way she'd been since giving birth to a lifeless child. Dad had more or less nailed it, in his own tactless way, when he said she'd gone "a bit crackers"



"Marla, I'm serious. You need to talk to me here," I said. "Where did you get this baby?"

"I should put him down for a nap," she said, cradling Matthew in her arms.

"Who else knows about Matthew?" I asked. "Does Aunt Agnes — does your mother know?"

"I haven't told her the good news yet. It's all happened pretty quickly. Yesterday after-

noon, around the time Dr. Phil comes on, the doorbell rang."

"Who was it?"

A weak smile. "I told you. The angel. Well, okay, not a real angel, but she was dressed all in white."

"Was she the mother?"

Marla looked at me sharply. "I'm the mother now."

"Okay," I said. "Was she injured? Did you see any blood? Was there blood on her hand?"

Did she say who she was?"

Marla shook her head slowly. "You know I'm not good with faces, David. And she was in a hurry." Her voice drifted off. She put Matthew in the middle of the bed and surrounded him with pillows, creating a kind of berm around him.

"Until I get a crib, I have to do this. I don't want him rolling off the bed and hitting the floor. Would you be able to help

me with that? Getting a crib?

"There are a few things we need to sort out first," I said.

I wondered whether she was on medication, whether that would explain her apparent detachment from reality. If she'd been seeing a psychiatrist since losing her baby, and been prescribed anything to deal with depression or anxiety, I wasn't aware of it.

Maybe she wasn't on anything, and this was just the way she'd been since giving birth to a lifeless child. Dad had more or less nailed it, in his own tactless way, when he said she'd gone "a bit crackers."

Marla's mother, Agnes, and their family physician, a doctor named Sturgess, if I remembered right, had been at her side. Mom had talked about their sense of horror when they realized something was wrong. How Marla had been able to hold the child, briefly, before it had to be taken away.

How it had been a girl.

"Such a sad, sad thing," Mom said whenever her niece crossed her mind. "It did something to her. Something just snapped."

In tomorrow's excerpt:

David's concern about Marla and the baby rises as he finds more bloody smudges

PLAYING POLITICS

Jon Stewart advised Obama

With Jon Stewart at the helm, *The Daily Show* had a strong track record of taking solid swings at the hypocrisy of the government. But a new Politico story reveals just how much the government was listening.

On two separate occasions, the Obama White House invited Stewart in for private meetings with the president to discuss policy. In 2011, he went to discuss budget difficulties, and then he returned in 2014 to discuss what was happening with Russia and Ukraine.

Politico spoke to politicians on both sides of the aisle to discuss Stewart's influence over the years, with both indicating that he got in his share of hits on them — though some, of course, claimed not to care: Senator James Inhofe said, "I've never seen him."

Do we believe him? LISA WEIDENFELD/METRO NEW YORK

Jon Stewart

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THE PARK IS OPEN

Jurassic World has a gay porn parody

How could you possibly improve on *Jurassic World*, the summer's biggest movie?

How about with a cheaply made Thai gay porn adaptation titled, simply, *Jurassic Porn* and featuring guys in what I guess are supposed to be dinosaur suits?

If the amazing trailer is any indication, it will be a bizarre, cross-cutting mix of *Scooby Doo*-like comic antics and hardcore all-male three-ways. As they say, "the hunting will be happening."

Oh and, "the exciting between human and dinosaur" does sound pretty, um, exciting.

Wonder what Chris Pratt would think.

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A scene from the gay porn adaptation of *Jurassic World*. CONTRIBUTED

GOSSIP NOTES

Hulk Hogan not just racist

If you were still planning on giving Hulk Hogan a pass following the leaked audio of him going on a racist, N-word-filled tirade, that might have just become a tad harder. The same covert audio — which features Hogan in a friendly conversation with sex tape partner Heather Clem and her husband, Bubba — features Hogan discussing his shock at learning that a gay man now lives in his childhood home, which he visited for an episode of *Hogan Knows Best*, his VH1 reality show. I wonder which group he'll lambaste next to make it a hat trick. It could literally be anyone, but I'm going to go with Mormons.

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Director Dennis Dugan defends his pal Sandler

You might find this hard to believe, but one of Adam Sandler's most frequent collaborators thinks people need to ease off on the Pixels star.

Dennis Dugan — director of *I Now Pronounce You* Chuck and Larry, Jack and Jill, *Grown Ups* and *Grown Ups 2*, among others — can't believe all the drubbing Sandler has been getting over his latest work.

"How f—ing dare anybody say that he's a s—ty [entertainer]," Dugan tells the *Hollywood Reporter*, adding this most truthful statement ever:

"I don't give a f— what [critics] think." I mean, imagine if he did?

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Festival grows with five new countries

It just keeps growing and growing. From its humble beginnings when there were just 11 cultural pavilions represented to now boasting 61 pavilions representing more than 80 cultures as the largest multi-cultural event in the world, the Servus Heritage Festival has added five more new countries for guests to enjoy this year.

Haiti, Lebanon, Morocco, Rwanda and South Soudan join the diverse group of countries which already ranges from Aboriginal to Welsh and everything in between, according to Servus Heritage Festival executive director Jack Little.

“There is so much cultural diversity at this festival and we’re proud to be able to represent so many amazing cultures and communities each year and we’re even more proud that the list keeps growing,” he says.

In some case, the cultures were being represented by a larger group and as their population in the community grows, so does their presence at the festival.

Lebanon is one such example and while the culture has been represented at the festival under the umbrella of the Arab Heritage Pavilion, this is the first year it has its very own and Lebanon pavilion chairperson Joseph Rustom couldn’t be more excited.

“Our community was a lot smaller in the past but now it has grown over the years and now we’re much bigger and finally have our own pavilion at the festival and I’m really excited to share our culture,” he says.

And while it takes a lot of work to put together enough food, entertainment and culture for the three-day event, Rustom, a chef, says he couldn’t be happier to do it.

“It takes a lot of work to feed thousands of people but it’s a festival and it’s fun. Food transcends cultures as it’s the one thing everyone needs, wants and loves and it’s very exciting to be able to be a part of this.”

Don’t forget to check out all five of the new pavilions at the festival from Aug. 1 to 3 in Hawrelak Park.




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BUDDY THE BEAVER TURNS 14 THIS YEAR

Popular mascot Buddy the Beaver will be 14 years old this year as the Servus Heritage Festival celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Buddy the Beaver can often be found in the family areas of the festival according to Servus Heritage Festival executive director Jack Little, who says the furry mascot has been entertaining thousands of guests since its inception in 1991.

At the time, festival organizers had difficulty choosing his name and as a note in that year’s Souvenir Guide, Bucky, Beno, Beulah and even Elvis were options. In the end Buddy’s name was chosen by the public in a contest.

“He’s quite a fun and popular component of the festival, especially with the kids, and he can put a smile on anyone’s face. He’s become



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a festival ambassador and a friendly reminder that multiculturalism is a great way to bring people together,” Little says.

REGION’S LARGEST OUTDOOR SEATING VENUE

The Edmonton Heritage Festival Association spearheaded the building of Hawrelak Park’s Heritage Amphitheatre.

The official opening of the \$1.7 million Heritage Festival Amphitheatre, designed by noted architect Stephen Lu, was celebrated in Hawrelak Park in 1986.

The Heritage Amphitheatre is western Canada’s largest outdoor amphitheatre. The distinctive white canopy offers excellent acoustics. It has fixed seating for

1,100, with additional festival seating for 2,900 on landscaped grassy slopes, for a total capacity of 4,000 patrons. During the festival, two shows will take place on the stage Saturday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. On Monday, Aug. 3, there will be a swearing-in ceremony for new Canadians at noon, followed by Scenic Route to Alaska and Owls by Nature performing at 2 p.m. All entertainment is free of charge.

More than 500 food choices at heritage fest

It's no secret that the main reason many people go to the Servus Heritage Festival is for the food and this year's menu is being touted as the largest yet.

With more than 500 food choices this year, it's one of the most affordable ways to try new foods, according to Servus Heritage Festival executive director Jack Little.

"People love this festival so much because they can see, hear and taste each culture — and with all of the different food options, people have many chances to try new dishes," he says. "In fact, a lot of people plan to be there all three days so they have more chances to try the foods."

With 60 new food items this year alone, there's literally something for every taste preference ranging from Japanese, Egyptian, Indian, Greek, Croatian, Moroccan to Mexican, Brazilian, Cambodian, French and so much more.

"A lot of people like to go in groups so they can share the different foods and try even

ALLERGY ALERT

Festival organizers want to remind people with allergies to be aware about their allergens.

"Due to the nature of an outdoor festival, we cannot control food allergens. Pavilion foods may contain or have come into contact with, peanuts, eggs, wheat or other grains, nuts, dairy, soy and other food allergens. Please use your individual discretion to make an informed choice regarding whether to order any particular items."

more and if they like it they can go back for it later on. It's a great way to keep it affordable and still try a lot of different items," Little says, adding unused food tickets go to the Edmonton Food Bank to help raise money.

Food tickets will be required for all food and beverage purchases at the 2015 Servus Heritage



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Festival, at every cultural pavilion in William Hawrelak Park and it is encouraged that people purchase their tickets in advance, which will cut down on the lineups at the festival. Since the menu is already posted on their website, people can research ahead of time and decide what foods they want to try.

Advanced ticket sales at all Save On Foods locations are available until Aug. 2, and advanced ticket sales at Servus Credit Union branches in Edmonton and surrounding areas and Tix on the Square in downtown Edmonton run until Aug. 1. Advanced tickets are sold in full sheets of 30 for \$25.



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Updated RDX smooth as butter

REVIEW

What it lacks in panache it makes up for in class and competence



Mike Goetz
Metro | Canada

Acura first introduced its compact crossover, RDX, for model year 2006. That version featured one of Honda's rare turbo-charged engines — one of the elements that contributed to making the RDX quite sporty, but also agreeably unrefined, like a fine athlete that flunked finishing school.

While this gave RDX a distinct personality, Acura soon saw it had greater sales potential if it were more mainstream. So the next-generation version introduced for model year 2013 featured a smooth 3.5-litre V6, smooth styling, and a larger and roomier interior. Net result: It became, and still is, Canada's top-selling compact luxury crossover.

The major "mid-cycle" update it received for model year 2016 follows the same plot lines, but with more safety and luxury features.

For example, all RDX models now include a new information screen in the gauge cluster, and Acura's impressive AcuraWatch safety technologies, which include adaptive cruise, lane keeping assist and lane departure



warning, and multi-angle rear-view camera.

The Technology Package now gives you heated rear seats, remote starter, eight-inch infotainment screen with navigation, and power folding mirrors. You have to move up trim lines to get other new stuff, such as 18-inch wheels and ventilated front seats.

Now with two screens you can keep track of navigation results and all your infotainment op-

tions without switching back and forth, but this does add complexity and create a busy interface. Not for some, fine for others.

The new LED headlights and taillights are the most notable new-for-2016 exterior design updates, and are effective in freshening and modernizing what is more or less a generic-looking crossover shape.

This generation RDX features "just average" driving excitement and handling, but there is a lot of satisfaction to be had from modulating the very refined and powerful V6. A lot of RDX rivals feature 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbos as their base powerplants. The V6 also seems to be in its sweet spot and is hard to fault in any category. It automatically shuts down three cylinders under light load to help it achieve reasonable fuel economy, although it does require premium gas.

Lots of back seat and cargo room for this size of vehicle, and the seats flip and fold easily. While ostensibly a "premium" brand, Acura seems to keep things relatively restrained. The RDX, at least, doesn't scream luxury so much so as speak it in a low, calm voice.



THE CHECKLIST 2016 ACURA RDX

THE BASICS

Type. Compact-midsize, five-door, AWD, luxury crossover

Power. 279-hp 3.5-litre V6

Transmission. 6-speed automatic

Price. Base \$41,690 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- Engine shuts down three cylinders under light loads
- Impressive suite of standard AcuraWatch safety and driver-assist systems
- Full-time AWD system always sends torque to rear wheels, for sportier feel

POINTS

- More luxury and features added for major mid-cycle revision for model year 2016
- Adopts Acura's new two-screen infotainment system
- Very roomy, with quiet and refined road manners

MARKET POSITION

- Smaller sibling to Acura's MDX luxury crossover, with essentially same premium V6
- One level up of luxury and premium brand cache than offered by mainstream nameplates
- Currently Canada's best-selling compact/midsize luxury crossover

THE COMPETITION



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Infiniti QX50
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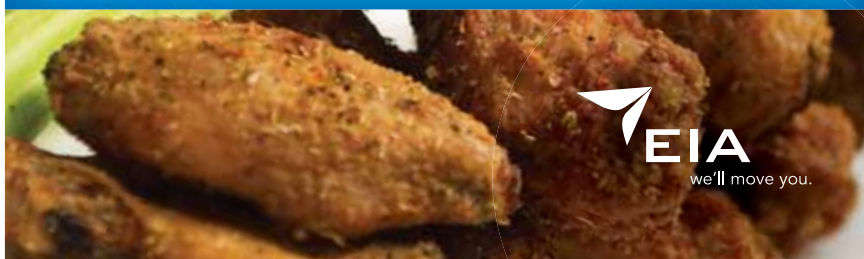
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PROGRAM

California looks to make EVs more affordable

Making plug-in hybrids and electric vehicles a lot more affordable to lower-income drivers is the focus of California's new "Plus-Up" program. Considering recent news that prices on used electric cars are on a downward spiral, and with families potentially eligible to receive as much as \$12,000 US toward the purchase of a new or used electric car — plus up to \$2,000 for a home charging unit — "some households could land an electric vehicle at net-zero cost," notes Green Car Reports. There's a catch, however: To be eligible, buyers must live in one of two problematic air-pollution zones: the South Coast/Greater Los Angeles area, or the San Joaquin Valley.



STUDENT DESIGN

Eco-marathon goes the distance

Energy giant Shell showed a fleet of cars at the recent 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race in France that could complete the world's most famous auto race on just over a litre of fuel, albeit at a much slower pace. It marked the 30th time Shell has hosted the Eco-marathon, which started in France in 1985. This year's entries achieved as many as 3,750 kilometres per litre of gasoline burned (about 0.027 l/100 km). The global competition challenges students to design, build and drive the most efficient vehicles, pushing the boundaries of energy efficiency and mobility on the road.

RENTAL AGENCY

Avis Denmark boosts EV fleet

Nissan and auto rental agency AVIS Denmark have signed a deal to create the largest fleet of Nissan electric vehicles anywhere in Europe, with a new order of 401 Nissan e-NV200 vans and a further 60 units of the full-electric Nissan Leaf midsize sedan, bringing its total EV fleet to 861 vehicles. Courier service DHL in Italy also began using Nissan electric vehicles earlier this year.



+ EPIC ROAD TRIP

14 countries, 1 tank of fuel

Britain's Royal Automobile Club and Audi have set a new Guinness World Record for the most countries driven through on a single tank of fuel.

Auto writer Andrew Frankel and racing driver Rebecca Jackson drove an unmodified Audi A6 TDI Ultra (diesel) in an unbroken drive that began in the Netherlands, wound through Europe and ended in Hungary nearly 28 hours and 1,854 kilometres later.

The last few kilometres were "nail-biting," said trip co-ordinator Simon Williams. "The A6 Ultra's computer was reading 'zero miles' with 16 miles (26 kilometres) to go ... to make it 14 countries."

This feat would not have been possible in North America where most American states are larger than most European countries.

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SECOND GENERATION

GM teases next Chevy Cruze

With more than 3.5 million Cruzes sold in 115 countries since its introduction in 2008, Chevrolet is preparing to roll out its all-new second-generation Cruze, said to be larger yet lighter, more fuel efficient and cleaner burning than the first-gen car, while packing new engines, safety features and technologies. As a global product, the Cruze single-handedly replaced 15 other company GM vehicles around the globe, noted Alan Batey, president of GM North America and global Chevrolet brand chief. The next-generation Cruze hits showrooms in early 2016.

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Self-driving cars, like this experimental Nissan Leaf, could cause motion sickness in some drivers. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

The quest for a less queasy commute

STUDY

Self-driving vehicles may make drivers carsick

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Drivers seldom suffer from motion sickness, but passengers often do, which could potentially create issues for autonomous vehicles. Since the driver will only be "along for the ride" much of the time, there's a good chance he or she could become queasy as well.

"The ability to be productive in self-driving vehicles is touted as one of their advantages," says Michael Sivak, co-author of a study on motion sickness at the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute.

"However, to be productive, one needs to be engaged in activities known to increase the probability of motion sickness, such as working on your laptop, texting and reading."

Motion sickness is caused by a conflict between what you're seeing, and how your inner ear thinks you're moving as it works to keep your balance. Passengers tend to have a harder time because they're usually not able to anticipate the car's motion, and they're not in control of where they're going.

+ KINETOSIS

Motion sickness, properly known as kinetosis, can cause nausea and dizziness, and in extreme cases can result in vertigo and vomiting. Adults are more susceptible to it than children, and it's seldom seen in those under the age of two.

Visibility is an issue, Sivak says, and the study found that people are more likely to get carsick if the windows are small, or darkened enough that it's difficult to see through them.

"What matters is the visibility from the car, and thus the size of the windows," he says. "Current windows would be okay. The concern is that manufacturers (of self-driving cars) are thinking about reducing the current size, or reducing their transmissivity."

How people sit in self-driving cars may also make a difference, since some experimental designs allow the front seats to spin around so their occupants can face people in the rear seats. The study found that motion sickness tends to get worse if the person is facing backwards or sideways in the vehicle.

But possibly the most important factor is what the driver will be doing when he or she isn't actually steering and driving. If something further upsets the balance of where the person is looking and how the body perceives motion, the problem can get much worse, such as in people who primarily get sick when they read in the car. The study found that drivers and passengers are least likely to experience nausea if they are lying down, or if their eyes are closed.

In addition to the vehicle having large, clear windows, some other suggestions for reducing motion sickness when the car is self-driving include having videos or tablets placed so that occupants look straight ahead to see them, rather than looking down; transparent information displays; video screens that move in conjunction with the viewer's head motions; and seats that recline fully flat, but cannot swivel sideways or backwards.

The study also found that carsickness could be reduced if the vehicle has very smooth ride.

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IN BRIEF

Nats land closer Papelbon

The Washington Nationals have a new closer, landing Jonathan Papelbon from the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Nationals announced the deal Tuesday in Miami, where they opened a series against the Marlins. Papelbon is Philadelphia's career saves leader with 123 and is 17 for 17 in save chances this season.

The 34-year-old right-hander had said he wouldn't accept a trade unless he would remain a closer, and agreed to waive his no-trade clause after getting the assurances he needed from Washington.

The Phillies receive Canadian Double-A right-hander Nick Pivetta for Papelbon.

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Royals pull trigger on trade for Zobrist

The Kansas City Royals made another big addition for the season's stretch run, acquiring utilityman Ben Zobrist and cash from the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday for right-hander Aaron Brooks and minor-league left-hander Sean Manaea.

The 34-year-old Zobrist, an infielder and outfielder, batted .268 with six home runs, 20 doubles, two triples and 33 RBIs in 67 games for the A's, who are in last place in the AL West after three straight playoff seasons.

The Royals dealt for former Cincinnati ace Johnny Cueto on Sunday.

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Blue Jays trade for 'best shortstop in baseball'

MLB

Tulowitzki coming to T.O., Reyes dealt to Colorado

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos couldn't miss the chance to get one of the top shortstops in baseball, even at the cost of more prospects.

Anthopoulos acquired shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins in a trade with the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday

in exchange for shortstop Jose Reyes, reliever Miguel Castro and minor-league pitchers Jeff Hoffman and Jesus Tinoco.

Castro and Hoffman are considered two of the Blue Jays' top young players but Anthopoulos could not pass up the chance to get Tulowitzki.

"We're getting the best shortstop in baseball in our minds, and those opportunities just don't present themselves," said Anthopoulos.

Talks between the Blue Jays and Rockies began last off-season, with Toronto pursuing Tu-



Jays Shop employee Nico Canavo makes a Troy Tulowitzki jersey in Toronto on Tuesday.

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lowitzki. According to Anthopoulos, Colorado's counter offers always included Hoffman and the deal got done when the Blue Jays agreed to his inclusion late Monday night.

"You always like to keep your prospects if you can but, again, if you have opportunities to get guys that you think are great fits we're obviously willing to do

that," said Anthopoulos. "Ideally you hang on to them but you also realize you're not going to get guys for free."

"We don't have a cut-and-dried policy, we'd like to keep as many as we can but that's the cost of acquiring players."

The talented but oft-injured Tulowitzki is a five-time all-star who is hitting .300 with

12 homers and 53 RBIs in 87 games this season. He has spent his entire 10-year MLB career with Colorado.

The 30-year-old Tulowitzki gives Toronto (50-51) another powerful, right-handed bat in a dangerous lineup that already includes Jose Bautista, Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion.

Toronto's commitment to Tu-

SO LONG, PAL

Reyes' former Jays teammates tweeted their reactions to the trade:

"One of the toughest things in sports, saying goodbye to a teammate who has become of your family!! @lamelaza-7. #Love."

— Jose Bautista, @Joey-Bats19

"Going to miss my boy @lamelaza-7. Once a brother always a brother."

— Josh Donaldson, @BringerOf-Rain20



Jose Reyes

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lowitzki is significant, and not just in the assets lost. Tulowitzki is in the second year of a seven-year deal worth a guaranteed \$132 million US.

Reyes has four home runs and 34 RBIs with a .285 average in 69 games this year. Toronto him in a 2012 blockbuster trade with the Miami Marlins.

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NFL

Goodell upholds ban on Brady

Tom Brady's four-game suspension for his role in using under-inflated footballs during the AFC championship game has been upheld by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

The league announced the decision Tuesday, with Goodell saying that the New England quarterback told an assistant to destroy Brady's cellphone on or just before March 6. Brady met with independent investigator Ted Wells on that day.

"He did so even though he was aware that the investigators had requested access to text messages and other electronic information that had been stored on that phone," Goodell said in his decision.

"During the four months that the cellphone was in use, Brady had exchanged nearly 10,000 text messages, none of which can now be retrieved from that device."

Calling the appeal process "a sham," Tom Brady's agent, Don Yee, said Goodell "failed to ensure a fair process" in upholding the quarterback's four-game suspension.

Brady acknowledged in his testimony he was aware of investigators' request for information from the cellphone before he had it destroyed, the appeal decision said.

Brady, who turns 38 on Aug. 3, took nearly every snap last season. But he'll miss the first four games this season unless the case goes to court. Jimmy Garoppolo, a second-round pick in 2014, would replace Brady, the two-time NFL MVP and three-time Super Bowl MVP.

New England hosts Pittsburgh on Sept. 10 to open the regular season.

It then goes to Buffalo, hosts Jacksonville, has a bye, and is at Dallas in the last game of Brady's suspension. Brady would return against, yes, the Colts on Oct. 18 in Indianapolis.

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PATRIOTS

For their part in Deflategate, the Patriots were fined \$1 million and docked a pair of draft picks. The team didn't appeal its penalty.

Canada gives last push in World Cup tune-up

RUGBY

Canucks prep for warm-up games ahead of tourney opener

The clock is ticking on Canada's World Cup rugby team.

Kieran Crowley's squad has won two of its last 11 test matches dating back to November 2013. The Canadian men, currently ranked 18th in the world, have beaten only No. 21 Namibia and No. 29 Portugal during that stretch.

They lost to No. 9 Samoa, No. 11 Scotland, No. 12 Tonga, No. 13 Japan (twice), No. 14 Georgia, No. 16 U.S., and No. 17 Romania (twice). The record worsens if you add non-test losses to the New Zealand Maori and an English second-division all-star team.

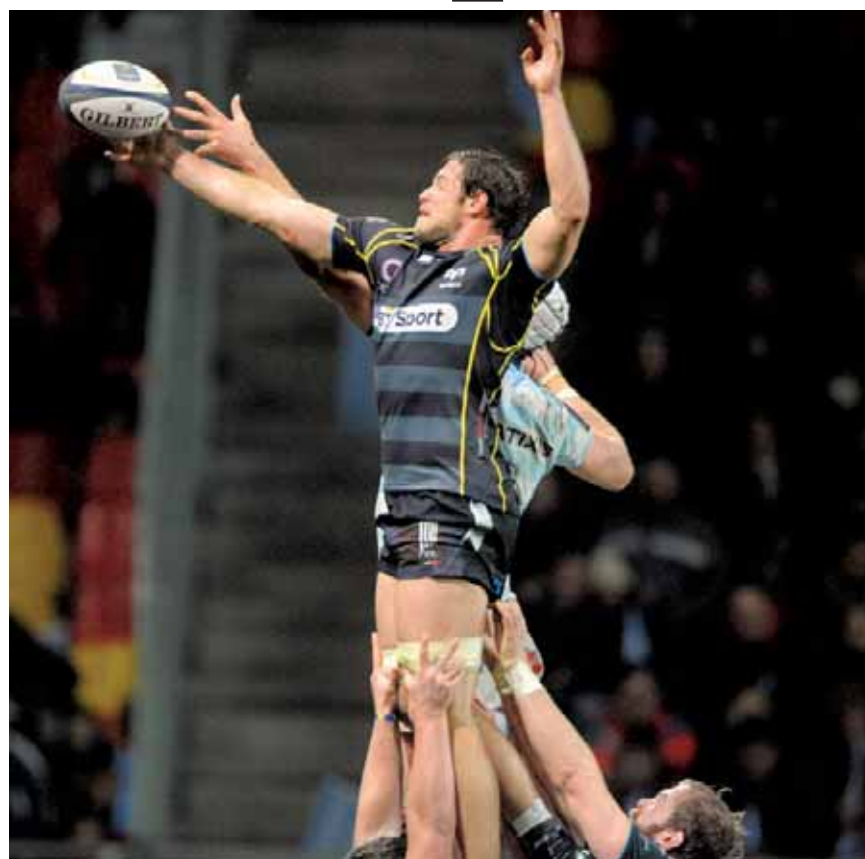
With Canada's World Cup opener against No. 3 Ireland just 50-odd days away, there is lots to do.

Canadian captain Tyler Ardron and Gareth Rees, manager of the national men's program, both point to Canada's recent lack of games as a problem.

Wednesday's Pacific Nations Cup game again Samoa in Toronto represents just Canada's third test match since losing to Romania last November at the end of a European tour.

The good news is there are more challenges ahead in the leadup to the Rugby World Cup, which opens Sept. 17 in London.

"We now, in the next month and a half, have six games before the World Cup starts," said Rees, a former Canadian captain who played in four World Cups. "So there's a lot of learnings, a lot of things we're trying to put in



Canada rugby captain Tyler Ardron catches the ball in a line-out for the Neath-Swansea Ospreys in last December's Champions Cup match against Racing Metro in Le Mans, France. GETTY IMAGES

place in a pretty short period of time. But this group's really accepted the challenge."

The Samoa game is the next warm-up, to be followed by a final Pacific Nations Cup match on Monday in Burnaby, B.C.

The Canadians then play the U.S. on Aug. 22 in Ottawa, the Glasgow Warriors on Aug. 29 in Halifax and Georgia and Fiji



Make no mistake about it, we're being pretty tough on ourselves because we want to produce results.

Canada men's rugby coach Gareth Rees

on Sept. 2 and 6, respectively, in England.

Canada opened the Pacific

Nations Cup with a 20-6 loss to Japan in San Jose before squandering a 15-3 lead to Tonga, fall-

ing 28-18 in Burnaby.

"We've created some good opportunities but we have not finished in our last two games. Skills have let us down and we haven't managed it," said Rees. "So to have another opportunity against Samoa is really important. We have to start taking these."

"Make no mistake about it, we're being pretty tough on ourselves because we want to produce results."

Part of the challenge is assembling Canada's best players at the same time, with injuries, club commitments and the fact that — unlike most countries — Canada's 15-man squad draws on its sevens program.

Canada, currently waiting on the injury status of forwards Jamie Cudmore, Jebb Sinclair, Jason Marshall and Tom Dolezel, is expected to name its World Cup status after the Pacific Nations.

Facing a third game in 11 days and with the tournament finale on Monday in Burnaby, Crowley has made 12 changes to his starting lineup from the team that lost to Tonga.

The holdovers are No. 8 Ardron, flanker John Moonlight and Matt Evans, who switches to wing from fullback.

A new front five features Djustice Sears-Duru, Ray Barkwill and Doug Woodbridge ahead of locks Evan Olmstead and Tyler Hotson. Kyle Gilmour, who signed a pro deal with English second-division, Rotherham Titan, starts at blindside flanker.

Canada has never beaten Samoa in four attempts, losing 23-13 last November in their most recent meeting.

The U.S. meets Tonga and Fiji faces Japan in the first two games of Wednesday's tripleheader at BMO Field. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Syndergaard puts on scintillating show

Noah Syndergaard retired his first 18 batters in the rookie's latest overpowering performance, and the New York Mets got two-run homers from Lucas Duda and Curtis Granderson to beat the San Diego Padres 4-0 Tuesday night.

Firing his fastball up to 98 mph, Syndergaard (5-5) struck out nine, walked none and allowed only three singles in eight innings. The big right-hander outpitched James Shields and avenged a 7-2 loss at San Diego

TUESDAY In New York

4	0
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on June 2.

Making his 14th major league start, Syndergaard lost his bid for a perfect game when Will Venable lined a clean single up the middle on the first pitch of the seventh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Sam to make CFL debut some time in August

Michael Sam's CFL debut is getting closer, but Montreal Alouettes coach Tom Higgins won't say exactly when it will be.

Some time in August, the defensive end who gained fame as the first active pro football player who is openly gay will get into a game.

"He's going to see the field in August," Higgins said.

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NHL

Brandon Sutter dealt to Vancouver

The Vancouver Canucks acquired forward Brandon Sutter and a third-round draft pick from the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday.

In exchange, the Canucks sent forward Nick Bonino, defenceman Adam Clendening and a second-round pick in 2016 to Pittsburgh.

The third-round selection acquired by Vancouver will be the earlier pick of two held by Pittsburgh.

"Brandon Sutter is a good two-way player. He's a matchup guy,"

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Sutter recorded 33 points (21 goals and 12 assists) last season

Canucks general manager Jim Benning said on a conference call. "He brings us speed to the middle of the ice and I think it solidifies our centre ice (position)." THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Corn and Israeli Couscous with Halloumi Cheese



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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 17 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 3 ears corn cobs (husks removed)
- 1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 2 green onions diced
- 1/4 cup chopped basil
- 1/4 cup chopped mint
- 1 cup dry Israeli couscous
- 4 oz Halloumi cheese or provolone sliced lengthwise into 3/4-inch pieces
- Dressing
 - 3 Tbsp lemon juice
 - 2 Tbsp olive oil
 - 1 tsp minced garlic
 - 1 tsp minced jalapeno

(with or without seeds)
• Salt and pepper

Directions

1. Grill corn for about five minutes. Cool, then cut off kernels. Place in bowl along with tomatoes, onions, basil and mint.
2. Meanwhile in pot of boiling water, cook couscous for 10 minutes or just until tender. Drain and add to serving bowl.
3. Sauté cheese in skillet sprayed with vegetable oil for about two minutes per side.
4. Combine ingredients for dressing and add to couscous and garnish with warm cheese.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 415
- Protein 18 g
- Carbohydrates 55 g
- Total fat 14.5 g
- Saturated fat 2 g
- Sodium 345 mg

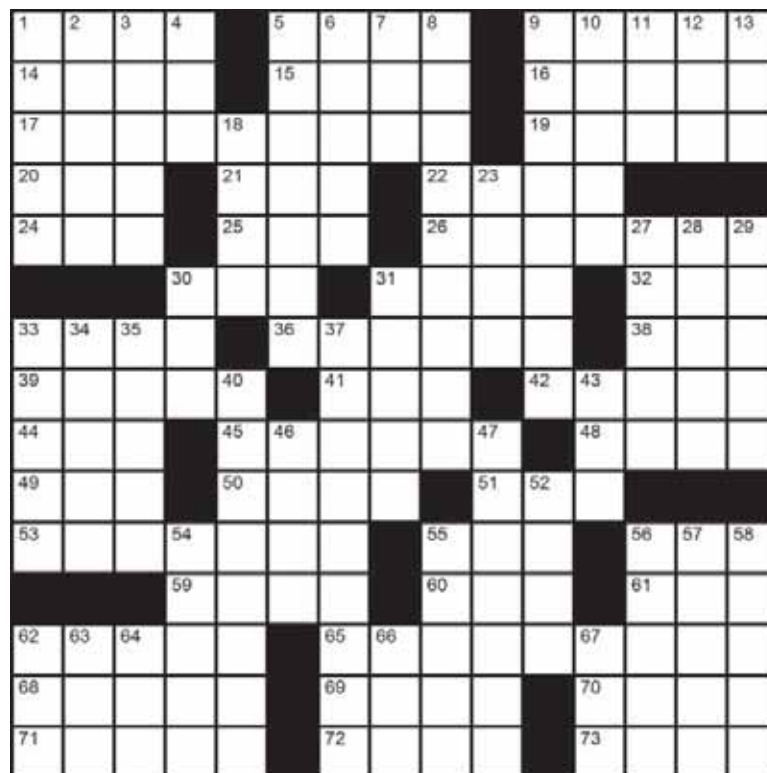
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. _ Broyle, Newfoundland
5. Taxis
9. Taj _
14. Border on
15. Quite often: 2 wds.
16. Pointed arch
17. Montreal university
19. Monickers
20. Ancient nickname King
21. Lead or Uranium
22. Scolds
24. Part of TGIF
25. Pro
26. First sign of rain
30. 'Special' suffix
31. Director Mr. Preminger
32. Country music's _ Young Band
33. River for The Bard
36. Some SPCA pets
38. Central
39. Mails
41. Mr. Linden
42. Play it up in theatre
44. Lots of mins.
45. Saffron rice dish of Spain
48. Wet _ (Moisture wipes)
49. Opposite WSW
50. Snow-capped European mountains
51. _ rata
53. Entourage
55. Furthermore
56. Total
59. Swanky transport
60. Web connector,



- commonly
61. Pressure meas.
62. Anoint, archaically
65. Creative Canadian Clay... Medalta _
- (Historic attraction of Medicine Hat)
68. Bubbled tool
69. Sharon of "Bos-

- ton Public"
70. Cross to bear
71. Soothsayers
72. Variant-spelled sea bird
73. Catch a glimpse

DOWN

1. Prickly de-

- sert plants
2. "There's Something _ Mary" (1998)
3. Small fishing boats of Newfoundland
4. And so forth, commonly
5. Anne Shirley smashed a slate over Gilbert Blythe's

- head when he called her what?
6. Variety of tree
7. "Sk8er _" by Avril Lavigne
8. Burton Cummings reached new heights with this tune: 2 wds.
9. Mammal like

- Rikki-Tikki-Tavi
10. Visibly stunned
11. That guy
12. Holy hail
13. First word in a Victor Hugo title
18. Cartoon fight sound effects!
23. Creative
27. Squeezed-in-to-tea fruit
28. Cream of the crop
29. Shore sights
30. Polit. designation
31. Non-written finals
33. Peter of '60s pop duo Peter and Gordon
34. Captain Nemo creator Jules
35. Beginning
37. What 'Inuit' means in Inuktitut: 2 wds.
40. Cocker and Springer
43. Cow's call
46. Reunion attendee
47. Member of Jesus' entourage
52. Skipping _
54. More maladied
55. Hyperion, for example, in Greek mythology
56. Reels
57. Completely deplete: 2 wds.
58. "Get Ur Freak On" by _ Elliott
62. Mr. Pacino's
63. Society notice word
64. Twilight
66. Not 'neath
67. Caviar

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You must be prepared to defend your beliefs and fight for them if necessary. Someone is going to challenge the way you look at the world and you must meet it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Friday's full moon takes place in the career area of your chart and there are likely to be challenges over the next few days. Someone in a position of power is watching you closely — make sure they like what they see.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The same old answers no longer satisfy you — something deeper is going on and you are determined to find out what. You may realize that ignorance is sometimes a blessing.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You could come into a large sum of money but you could also end up owing a lot to someone else. If possible, stick with what you've got — the status quo is not so bad.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There will be times over the next few days when it seems as if the world is against you, but it isn't. The approaching full moon will encourage others to undermine your confidence but they won't succeed.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Little things will upset you more than they should today, but now that you know that you can guard against it. Don't worry about things you cannot control.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The approaching full moon will revive your interest in something you appeared to give up on six months or so ago. Either give it everything or leave it alone.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The most important thing today is that you stay calm and think things through in a logical manner. It may not be the best time to speak from the heart.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be very persuasive today and others will find it hard to deny you what you want. But if you don't know what you want your powers of persuasion could be wasted on trivial things.

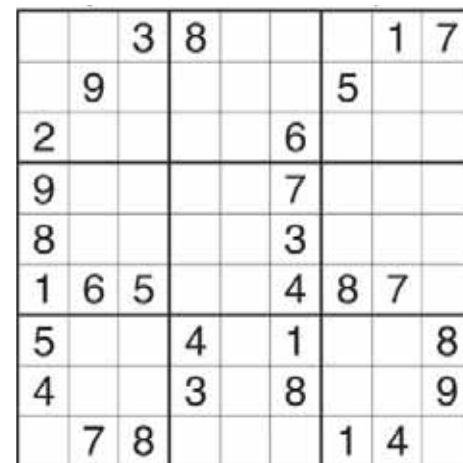
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't let others know that you are desperate about something because it puts you at a disadvantage. You are more likely to get what you want if you play it cool.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Friday's full moon could herald a new beginning, but only if you let go of the past. Remember too that only one individual is responsible for what happens in your life and that is you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
What you are going through is necessary but that going has been tough. The full moon will bring matters to a head and it won't be long before you are on the up again.

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